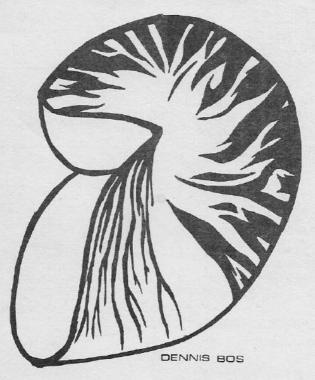


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May 25 - 26th

NOTE OF INTEREST!!
Betty has a few items down at the radio shack if anyone has lost, please check with her. The following items are a pair of child prescription glasses with black rims, also three pairs of sunglasses, license plates numbers T-2-73, T-48106, the other is T-73 Number -*01202. Also a trailer, fender white.

Not belonging to lost and found she has over 80 boat permits and fishing licenses. Many of these permits and licenses are outdated, Miguel doesn't want Betty to throw them out because they are proof that the people's money was turned in. Please check with Betty on this, she has just so little room. REMEMBER TO TURN IN THE PINK SLIPS when returning from your fishing. THESE are VERY IMPORTANT. Thank you.

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One day this beautiful blonde was standing by the radio shack and I overheard her say (I always listen to what beautiful blondes have to say) as she was watching a \$20,000 boat coming in with its skipper standing on the bow beaming with pride, "The only difference between men and boys is the price of their toys."

Another happy skipper with a boat in the same price range was heard to remark it wasn't the price of the boat that hurt but the cost of the accessories was about to break him. As far as I could see the only thing wrong with the boat is it is misnamed... it should be Plushville #1.

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Young Jim Backus sat on the porch one day obviously in deep meditation. Finally he came up to the window and very seriously reported "Look, the shore's going out." Out of the mouth of babes....???

One day when my wife was operating the radio a man called up and in a very excited voice said he was in the midst of several boats and they were catching the biggest mackeral he'd ever seen and wanted to know how to rig up for them. She used the excuse she wasn't allowed to use 2182 for conversation and told him to switch to 2555 or 2638 and if other fishermen were listening they would give him information. I say excuse because even she admits she couldn't rig up to catch a jaiba (crab). Anyhow to get back to the story...when this very excited man got back in he asked for directions on how to cook this huge mackerel...he was given directions on how to cook a skipjack....yep, his king sized mackerel turned out to be a fair sized skipjack.

My last piece of nosey advicewhen you decide to jump into the water to give the launcher a hand make sure it is shallow (before jumping that is). I've seen so many of you come up gasping for air after going in way over your heads and the expressions on your faces would have been candid camera bait...besides you lose more cigarettes that way.

Tell you more the next time I get Nosey.



One of our members started the New Year by asking that a very grateful thanks be given to the people who helped him last summer when he had a boating accident. This was Joe Howell. He says his words can not express his appreciation to Dr. Baumiester of Tucson, Bob Morris of Tucson and Bub Allison, plus anyone else who was involved. He says it takes awhile for him to get all the words together - but he really means it.

Christmas was quiet in Cholla Bay for we transients. In our whole visual area from Pinto Point to Pelican Point there were only two lights - one at the Cashions and one at Candy and Carlos Saens'. We loved it, as it was about the fourth Christmas we have spent there.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Those of you who are confined to weekends could not believe that there was only one windy half day in the two weeks we were down. The wind stirkes on weekends evidently.

Then the New Year vacationers

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began to arrive. The view of the Comet was a complete fizzle with a great number of us trying to watch. So much for that!

Now I wish I were Hedda Hopper! Scoop!

That I know of there were two New Year's parties - the Power Squadron was there with a clam bake on the beach looking onto the Tide Flats. There were about 40 of them. The Jarvis' had friends in for a Pot Luck buffet - and fun and games. It was good to see some of the people I had been missing. Of course, there was one minor accident. A knee and the arcadia door came into contact. The arcadia door went. Mel says that step has to go.

One of Cal's Christmas presents was a set of decals for our arcadia door. He keeps trying to walk through - hitting his head first.

Ray Curtis' mother is here again from Canada and is loving every minute she gets to spend in the Bay. She had to miss the New Year Year's Eve party though.

Lila and Gordon Ericson were down with Lila's charming parents.

The Capen's old cabin was bulging at the seams with the new owners whom I've not met. There were wall to wall boats, sand buggies and young people.

The Melcher's arrived Christmas night. There were 14 kin plus the cat. The usual jig-saw puzzles

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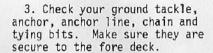


By Mel Jarvis

I guess about all of us start the New Year out with a lot of good resolutions, and with firmness and determination try to carry them out. I don't know about you but I seldom last long on most of them that I make. Now if you really want to make a resolution that should stay with you all year, resolve to....

- Check all your safety and emergency equipment, replace any that has been used or out dated.
- Check all your life jackets, you should have one for each member of your crew, and that each one is in servicable condition.





- 4. Check your spare parts kit, replace any part that has been used and looks or is rusty and corroded.
- 5. Make a general inspection to be sure every thing on and about board is shipshape and seaworthy.

There, that's resolutions you can stand fast on and carry out all year long.

I'm sure it w ouldn't take a
New Year's resolution to remember
to always check out at the radio
room and fill out launch slip completely or always let the radio
girl know when you are going to
change fishing holes and, oh yes,
most important...always turn in your
your pink slip after you get back.

Good Fishing and Safe Boating
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By Jane Putnam

Though this is a third generation recipe, it is another of those which have never been written down. It's essentially a New England 'receipt' for QUAHAUG CHOWDER, but it makes up as well with Mexican clams, and makes a fun meal at the shore on any coast.

The main ingredients are clams, salt pork, onions, potatoes, and simple seasonings — and the real capper — cream. The proportions are easy. To each cup of clams, used a cup of potatoes and a half cup of onions.

First, take a chunk of salt pork about as big as your fist, mince very small, and fry until golden brown all over in the bottom of a large kettle. Cool. Add potatoes, onions and clams, all of which have been coarsely ground in a meat grinder (or diced very small), along with their juices.

Add enough water to barely cover all, and some salt and pepper, and boil lightly until potatoes are thoroughly cooked, about a half hour — and by then the clams should be tender. If they are not, then simmer some more. Stir constantly in the beginning, and see that there is enough liquid to prevent sticking.

This must be served extremely hot, for into each soup plate of chowder pour a half cup of heavy cream, stirring slightly. Float a pat of butter in the center and hand around to family and friends. They'll love it and will be back for seconds before you ladle your own!

New Englanders are wont to serve sliced tomatoes, corn on the cob, and good sturdy soda biscuits along with. And such a combination sounds a bit Mexican too...



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By Mel Jarvis

With the cost of gas going up here and at our favorite fishing hole, there is a lot of us that are going to be using the gas out of the green pump, "Regular", at Cholla. I have used it in the past in our boat and pick-up truck and both seem to run O.K. with it.

Your boat runs at much higher R.P.M.s than your car or pick-up and does not have the start-stop demands of passing or pulling heavy loads that your car or truck has, but there isn't any marine engine that I know of, that is required by the manufacturer to burn hi-test gas. With few exceptions, lead free gas should not be used in any of the outboards or inboard type engines. Thinking it over, I have come to the conclusion that the idea of not using Mexican regular gas

goes back to the old days when most of the time the regular gas in Mexico wasn't up to par. I can remember when I first started going to Mexico, I was told always to use hi-test gas, never drink the water, and to always take lots of one dollar bills. It makes me laugh when I think back about it now. First off, I never knew if I was buying regular or hi-test in the old days, I didn't understand the lingo and most of what I drank came in brown glass bottles with Cervasa printed on it, so I didn't worry about the water and as for the one dollar bills, that wasn't a worry either, I never had too many of them to worry about, and after a few of those brown bottles nothing mattered.

Getting back to this gas situation, as most of you know gas in Mexico has been up-graded greatly since the old days and I for one won't worry over the fact that I may have to use it. There is no reason a well tuned engine won't run on it. There may be some engines that will need to have small



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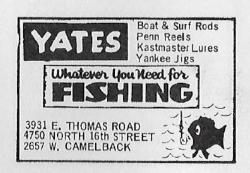
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New Years at the Bay I was checking over the Debbie-J, and opened up my spare parts kit, "Oh Pain", I was surprised to find I hadn't sealed them up as well as I thought or should have. My spare points and plugs had a mean coat of rust on them and I also found some mildew in my rope locker. Shame on me, I put my anchor line away before it was dry. This could have caused the rust on my spare parts, at least contributed to that fact.

How about your storage compartments??? One should make it a practice or habit to open all the compartments and leave them so, this way air can circulate and dry any moisture that may be in the compartment.

If your boat is in a boathouse leave the engine compartment open to let the bilge dry out. If you have a cabin cruiser, leave the hatch open to air and dry out the cabin.

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were being put together, high seven games being played, and pool.

The Westfall's are very proud grandparents. Jim is being very blaze about the whole thing, but we noticed a picture of the new one on the bulletin board at the last meeting.

Our very special thanks go to the Lavern Groves for the stuffed animals they gave for the Christmas party. They were 12 to 18 inches high and in every imaginable

for. We all wanted one.

Dorothy Revnolds also came up with a novel idea. Little boxes of Christmas candy with Santa Claus pictures. There were many other gifts from the Phoenix people. To all of you, it helped make up the Christmas bags. Thank You!

The Schmellinger's are working like mad on their cabin from daylight till dark as so many others of us have done. Was afraid to drop in for fear they would put

me to work.

One boat was put in the water for the first time since it was named. The Christening was skipped. What a mistake. It came in very late under its own steam, after upsetting quite a few people. It just cracked open about two feet down the keel. I am going to learn to walk on water.

After getting my hand back in at casting, and then fishing in the boat I found quite a few muscles that I didn't know I had. I'm challenging Bill Valentine to a

contest.

Bye for now -



The Timeless



Oysters are the starfish's favorite-and easily opened-dinner

Starfish

It may be one of man's oldest ancestors, and certainly one of the best-engineered

by K. L. Boynton paintings by James Crabb

PICK UP A STARFISH, and you're holding in your hand a bit of pre-history dating back some 425 million years. Yet it's making headlines today on Pacific reefs, and recent discoveries indicate it may even be a distant relative of backboned animals, including man.

Of course, the starfish is not a fish at all, as everyone knows. It's a member of a group of strictly oceangoing animals called "echinoderms" (echino, spiny; derm, skin) because of their spiky appearance.

Built like a wheel with a central disk and radiating arms, the amazing starfish has no head end. It's a kind of walking basket, its supporting skeleton a meshwork of limy plates held in place by muscles.

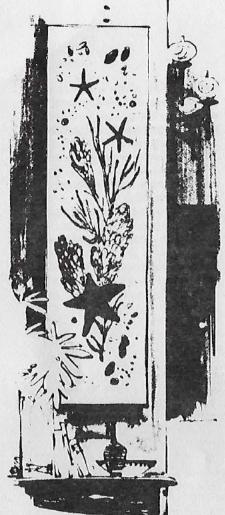
The starfish's mouth may be small, but it's the port of entry for one of the biggest appetites in the sea. Located underneath in the middle of the disk, it is surrounded by large spines that can be moved about like chopsticks.

The starfish's main dining tools, however, are its unusual waterpowered feet, which it uses to open oyster, clam and scallop shelis no matter how determined their owners are to keep them shut. Each foot there are hundreds of them along the underside of each arm, arranged in neat rows—is a tiny tube of skin with muscular walls ending in a gripping sucker.

These water-powered feet use an ancient hydraulic system that man has only learned to employ in the last 100 years. Sea water entering a sieve-like opening on the top of its body runs through tubes in the arm cavities to a series of tiny bulbs, one above each foot. When the bulbs squeeze down, water is forced into the feet, which stiffen and extend one by one, their sucker ends gripping the sea bottom. When muscles in the foot walls squeeze the water back up into the bulbs, the feet let go-and the animal moves forward, usually toward food.

As a hunter, the starfish is admirably equipped. Chemical receivers at the end of its arms serve as a sort of sensory radar, picking up news of food nearby. Finding an oyster, the starfish crawls over it, humps up and fastens its tube feet firmly on the two valves of the ovster's shell. It then starts a steady pull in opposite directions. The oyster can withstand a lot of quick vanking and pulling, but it cannot cope with the steady pull-without-letup delivered by the starfish, using fresh feet as the first ones tire. The oyster's muscles finally give out, and the shell gapes open.

The starfish then demonstrates one of the shortest distances from mouth to stomach on record: the stomach is simply lowered out through the mouth, envelops the oyster's soft body and proceeds to



More than 1,500 kinds of starfish have been identified. Dried ones make beautiful wall decorations

make a thick broth of it. Once the cargo is loaded aboard, the stomach is hauled back inside.

Such efficient eating is interrupted only by the pre-spawning period of early spring. Starfish, however, do not bother to go courting. The eggs of the females and sperm of the males are simply shed into the sea, where fertilization takes place and larvae grow in a slow three-stage process.

Thanks to a marvelous regenerative power, the fully grown starfish is practically indestructible. When irate oyster fishermen cut them up and toss the pieces back into the sea, they only create more. All that is needed to make a whole new starfish is part of an arm and about 1/5 of the central disk.

Today skyrocketing Pacific starfish numbers threaten the very existence of some islands. Shell collectors depleted the tritons that preyed on adults; blasting and dredging operations removed the bottomdwelling animals that ate the larvae. Freed thus from natural enemies, ever-increasing swarms of starfish devour the corals. Unless this reef destruction is stopped, the islands face food loss as reef fishes depart, and their reef-bare shorelines will be eroded by the battering sea.

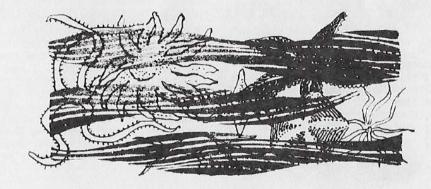
The second stage starfish larva

The second stage starfish larva is also the recipient of considerable current scientific attention. Biologists have discovered that it looks almost exactly like the same stage of the lowly acorn worm—a common burrower in ocean sand whose primitive body structures group it with backboned animals, including man.

From earliest times the starfish's beautifully symmetrical shape has also caught the imagination of artists. Now interior decorators prize the creature itself as a dramatic wall decoration for living room or patio.

The beachcomber who wants to keep a starfish for this purpose can preserve it by soaking it overnight in a mild formalin solution (one part formaldehyde to nine parts water). It should be dried in the shade: sun drying fades the colors.

Always symbolic of man's concern with the sea, the starfish today is a many-sided wonder. A surprise to scientists and an inspiration to artists, to modern beachcomberphilosophers the starfish has become something more: a reason for long thoughts on the timelessness of time—and the strange ways of starfish and men.

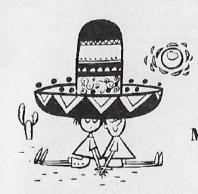




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by Lew Frazier

I would like to be able to say at the end of my tenure as your Council Chairman that all of my wildest thoughts could possibly be achieved. This I know is not possible mainly because "Rome was not built in a day" nor is it possible for the Cholla Bay Sportman's Club to teach Utopia in 11 months.

Donde Vas from here is your decision; some of my thoughts as to what course are in Generalities and not Specifics. Considerable detail would be necessary before any single project could be initiated.

Launch area: This was one of the

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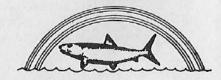
Boat Hardware And Accessories Club Member Come in and browse-Coffee is always hot first major projects of the Club and once again we should take another look. Boats are larger in not only size but numbers. We need room for parking, launching, fish cleaning and in an arena for the greatest sport of all, watching.

Building and Equipment: Radio is demanding much of our time and money, the needs are bonified. A need also of great importance is that of power for air conditioning and better conditions for our operator as summer is not far off, I hope. The Derby Fry Shack is far from completion and still will require time and money.

Derby: Our one big project has grown into fantastic proportion. We need your help. This project is now too large to be left for one chapter to accomplish everything. I would like to see the duties split between the chapters. Food and cooking by the supporting chapter and Derby itself by the sponsor chapter. This year the sponsor chapter is Tucson. Let me be the first to wish you success.

Committees: This organization now large enough that such luxuries as a chairman and co-chairmanship. One from each chapter for the larger jobs. Search and Rescue — Radio — these jobs are big and need Lots of Help. I've already mentioned spliting the Derby. Chatter, I hesitate to mention for fear of making big waves, although I'm

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AROUND THE COUNCIL FIRE

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sure help would be appreciated.

Auxiliary: The ladies might like to have their own for passing the time while esposa is out fishing. How about having a sand castle event with prizes.

Legal: Another growing pain that is being felt by our club is that of representation in Mexico. We need to further our relations with the officials of the area. Moneys allowing a legal counsel is Sonora would be advantageous, in the not too far future a must.

Reefs: This too is within the capabilities of our club. Various methods have and are being implemented at present. The use of old tires, car bodies, metal frames and etc., We have close at hand many of these precious assets.

<u>Ecology</u>: As a by product of the reefs, a clean up campaign of the Cholla area could at least be started.



by Lew Frazier

Fish Feeding: Another by product of the reefs could be the returning of the fish reminants to the sea to feed the fish living in their new man made aquadic condominiums. Although feeding the fish is as far off as the "Energy Crises" once was, this is not as ridiculous as it may sound to some.

Moneys: The one big question, how far may we go with what is available? Question two, is the council receiving a large enough share of the collected revenue? Question three, could any one of these or any other project be accomplished by the individual chapter rather than be a council function?

I now ask, anyone wanting to work on any project, yours or mine, please let us hear? Your own thoughts, constructive or otherwise, are solicited. To accomplish any one single project it requires not only club approval but also club effort. The time is Now; the future is Now; ARRIBA, ANDELANTE, PRONTO

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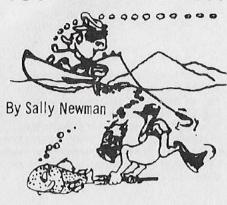
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To all our members who are ill. we wish a speedy recovery.

New and old members are signing up at a good rate - Susie was busy most of the meeting issuing membership cards.

Bob Morris told about the Christmas party at Cholla. The families were given fruits, nuts and candies and the children were given beautifully wrapped gifts. So many people helped and we want to take this time to Thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Party at Cholla.

Bob Bos appointed Bob Courtright to head the entertainment committee to find out what the members would

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like in this way. The pot luck meetings go over great so of course we will be having more of these and maybe a dinner dance - if you have any ideas-Please let Bob Courtright know or the Chatter.

The 1974 Tide Calendars are now on sale at the meeting along with the CHOLLA BAY decals, maps and jackets.

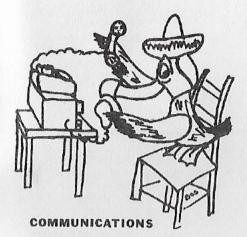
Door prizes were Dinner for Two from the Holiday Inn North won by Mrs. Swinehart, big fish net from Yellow Front won by Irene Drake, and a 1974 Tide Calendar won by Bob Morris - the lucky tickets were drawn by Tina -Bob Morris nice. A beautiful transitor radio will be raffled next meeting. So come on out and see our swap shop and browse through, the marine catalogue for something you may need or want.

We would like to thank our gals who do the calling (to remind our members of meetings and anything of importance). These girls have been doing this job for years, I may add doing the greatest job keeping us all up on the happenings. I want to thank Pat McCalanahan, Irene Drake, Jessie Schwarz, Jo Jungen, Joy Cooley, and some of the new volunteers, Jo Morris, Zoe Drake, and Shirley Reid. Thanks again - if you're not being called give us a call.

See You at the Bay

Sally Newman





DEPARTMENT

Note: Cholla Radio will be monitoring Channel 9 instead of the usual Channel 22 on C.B. So this will be the freg (9). This will require a change in the preface Channel 22 will be secondary to Channel 9.

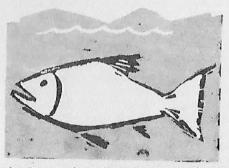
The next article in the Chatter will be on the C.B. radio. Hopefully to explain what you can and cannot expect on the C.B. installations, verses other types of radio models and installations. The articles will continue until all types are covered as VHF, CB, HF, SSB, DSB and plain ole S.O.S.

> Steve Steffens 934-8693

The Christmas Party Bob Morris

The Christmas Party was well received in Cholla. There were about 175 families and 96 children. They received fruits, candy and gifts. Everyone was delighted with Santa. Santa didn't forget the orphanage in Sonoita, he delivered gifts and candy, fruits also.

I want to thank everyone who helped in every way. For without your help there wouldn't be a Christmas for the Cholla children.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Another year is here and looking forward to a successful year with all our activities with the Derby and pot lucks and just about anything we do together as a Club.

Thanks to the great writers that shared their happenings with us, so we can learn the do's and don'ts about the sea.

I have a few reminders: Pete Scott of Tucson is the Derby Chairman for this upcoming Derby May 25 and 26. He can use all the help he can get to make this Derby a great success. If you can in any way help please contact him: Pete Scott, 8107 E. Beverly, Tucson 85710 or phone 326-0722. Pete will have some news on this for next Chatter. You'll have so much fun working and meeting so many people, it's great.

The Chatter would like to get some more stories to print and let our members share in your experiences. If sending in ads, please have them typed or printed out so this way we can help you sell. An interesting note, if you have any

questions on shells, fish or anything that pertains to the life down around Cholla and the surrounding area. Send questions to the Chatter. Dr. Donald A. Thomson of University of Arizona Biological Sciences, will help in this.

Our new officers and Council will have a year ahead to work on some projects that will help improve our Club for the year 1974. I enjoyed working with the 1973 Council and both Chapters, for we have a bunch of wonderful people who each and every one work their hearts out to better the Club.

I want this time to thank my two reporters on a job well done, they keep us so well informed on the latest happenings in and around. Mary Fran Taylor and Sally Newman, Thank You for a great job. They'll keep on reporting the news for us.

Any questions or any interested items please let us share them with you.

Till next time-take care.

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